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### **METHOD, SYSTEM AND COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCT FOR HIERARCHICAL LOAD BALANCING**

the specification of which:

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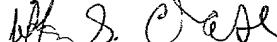
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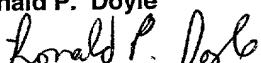
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